



2020 Recreational Trails Program Award Recipients

The RTP awarded a total of \$1,613,142.98 in funding for the 2020 Grant Cycle.
 The following 45 project proposals were selected for full or partial funding.

Organization	Project Title	Project Overview	RTP Award Amount
Beartooth Recreational Trails Association	Red Lodge-Area Nordic Ski Trail Grooming and Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and maintenance on 14.6 miles of Nordic-ski trails and multi-use trails on road and trails located near Red Lodge.	\$ 20,000.00
Big Sandy, Town of	Big Sandy Safe Route to Schools Project	This project will fund the construction of 0.3 miles of new trail connecting the Elementary School to trail infrastructure on Johannes Avenue in Big Sandy.	\$ 50,500.00
Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists	Lake Como South-Side Trails Construction Project	This project will fund the construction of approximately 8 miles of non-motorized trail south of Lake Como.	\$ 35,000.00
Bitterroot Cross-Country Ski Club	Chief Joseph Pass Winter Trails Grooming Project	This project will fund winter grooming on 33 miles of cross-country ski and multi-use winter trails at Chief Joseph Pass.	\$ 30,000.00
Bitterroot Ridgerunners	Sapphire and Bitterroot Mountains Snowmobile Trail Grooming Project	This project will fund winter grooming on approximately 72 miles of snowmobile and multi-use trails in the Sapphire and Bitterroot mountains.	\$ 10,000.00
Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation	Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex Volunteer Stewardship Project	This project will fund volunteer trail maintenance, weed control and campsite restoration in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex.	\$ 40,000.00

Bridger Ski Foundation	Gallatin Valley Winter Grooming and Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and maintenance on over 70km of cross-country ski trails at six venues in the Gallatin Valley.	\$ 25,000.00
Butte-Silver Bow Government	Big Butte Open Space Park Trail Expansion and Restoration Project	This project will fund the construction of three connector trails and restore one segment of trail totaling 1.6 miles of trail in the Big Butte Open Space Park and Whiskey Gulch trail complex.	\$ 23,740.00
Columbia Falls, City of	River's Edge Park Trails Improvement Project	This project will fund trails improvements and construction on 1 mile of trails at River's Edge City Park in Columbia Falls.	\$ 100,000.00
Deer Lodge, City of	Deer Lodge Connector Trails Project	This project will fund the construction of four gravel trails/connectors (0.2 miles total) and an ADA parking spot in the City of Deer Lodge.	\$ 47,000.00
Five Valleys Land Trust	House of Sky Trail Project	This project will fund the construction of the 4.6-mile House of Sky Trail south of Missoula and the purchase/installation of trail and trailhead signage.	\$ 75,000.00
Flathead Snowmobile Association	Flathead-Area Snowmobile Trail Grooming and Equipment Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming on approximately 200 miles of snowmobile and mixed-use trails in and around the Flathead valley.	\$ 55,000.00
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Front Street Pathway Bridge Project	This project will fund the purchase of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge to be installed over Bozeman Creek in Bozeman.	\$ 45,000.00
Glacier Nordic Club	Big Mountain Nordic Trail Grooming & Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and trail maintenance on 26km of cross-country ski trails near Whitefish.	\$ 20,000.00

Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association	Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest-Jefferson Division Trail Safety and Maintenance Project	This project will fund trail safety and maintenance on designated motorized trails in the Highwood Mountains, Castle Mountains and Little Belt Mountains of the Jefferson Division of the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest.	\$ 59,853.12
Kings Hill Grooming Association	Kings Hill Snowmobile Trail Grooming and Maintenance Project	This project will fund snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance on 267 miles in the Little Belt Mountains near Neihart.	\$ 55,200.00
Kootenai Cross-Country Ski Club, Inc	Flower Creek Vault Toilet Installation Project	This project will fund the purchase and installation of a vault toilet for the Flower Creek Nordic Trail Course near Libby.	\$ 15,000.00
Last Chance Audubon Society	Jane Beasley Memorial Trail Construction Project	This project will fund the restoration of a 300-yard non-motorized trail on the southwest side of Spring Meadow Lake in Spring Meadow Lake State Park in Helena.	\$ 8,463.72
Lone Pine State Park	Lone Pine State Park Trail Rehabilitation and Bridge Replacement Project	This project will fund the replacement of a wooden pedestrian bridge and trail rehabilitation of 0.17mi of trail in Lone Pine State Park near Kalispell.	\$ 70,300.00
Missoula Nordic Ski Club	Arctic Cat Bearcat Snowmobile Purchase Project	This project will fund the purchase of an Arctic Cat Bearcat snowmobile for grooming Missoula-area cross-country ski trails.	\$ 16,000.00
Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association	Statewide USFS and BLM Motorized Trail Maintenance Project (Phase VII)	This project will fund Phase VII of maintenance on designated motorized routes on USFS and BLM lands throughout Montana, including the Custer-Gallatin NF (55 miles), the Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF (75 miles), the Helena-Lewis & Clark NF (15 miles), the BLM Clancy & Pipestone Recreation Areas (44.5 miles), and the BLM Shepherd Ah Nei Recreation Area (19 miles).	\$ 60,000.00

Montana Wilderness Association	Volunteer Trail Crew Project: Eight Trail Maintenance Projects Across Montana	This project will fund volunteer trail crews on eight individual multi-day projects across Montana, totaling approximately 25 miles of maintenance.	\$ 25,824.00
National Park Service-Yellowstone National Park	Yellowstone River Trail Restoration Project (Phase II)	This project will fund an MCC trail crew to conduct drainage and restoration work on the Yellowstone River Trail between Blacktail Creek and Cottonwood Creek (approximately 3 miles) in Yellowstone National Park.	\$ 11,250.00
Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Club	Seeley Lake Nordic Ski Trail Maintenance, Grooming, and Improvements Project	This project will fund winter grooming and trail maintenance/improvement projects on the Seeley Creek Nordic Ski Trails.	\$ 6,830.00
Seeley Lake ROCKS	Hill 16 Community Trail System Construction Project (Phase 2)	This project will fund the construction of 0.5 miles of trail, the reconstruction 4.5 miles of road to trail tread, the installation of trail signage, and the controlling of trailside weeds at the Hill 16 Community Trail System adjacent to Placid Lake State Park near Seeley Lake.	\$ 23,920.00
Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation	Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Trail Restoration Project	This project will fund nine single and multi-day volunteer projects between July and August 2020 to clear and restore approximately 19 miles of trails within the Bitterroot National Forest.	\$ 14,142.57
Silver Crest Trails Association	Silver Crest Nordic Ski Trails Grooming and Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and trail maintenance on 12 miles of cross-country ski trails at Kings Hill near Neihart.	\$ 10,900.00
Swan Valley Connections	Mission Mountains and Swan Front Trails and Backcountry Services Project	This project will fund maintenance of approximately 92 miles of established trails in the Mission Mountains Wilderness and Swan Front Trails in the Swan Watershed.	\$ 45,000.00

Three Forks, City of	Jefferson Street Loop Trail Project	This project will fund the construction of 1.4 miles of asphalt trail along Jefferson Street on the west side of Three Forks.	\$ 60,000.00
Troy Snowmobile Club	Troy-Area Snowmobile Grooming and Trail Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and trail maintenance of snowmobile and multi-use trails on the Kootenai National Forest near Troy.	\$ 25,000.00
University of Montana - Research and Sponsored Programs	Missoula M Trail Rehabilitation Project	This project will fund the rehabilitation of 0.75 miles of the M Trail in Missoula, including installing rock and treated-wood waterbars, rebuilding eight switchback stairs, and replacing shortcut control fencing.	\$ 26,600.00
USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Beartooth Ranger District	USFS Beartooth Ranger District Trail Maintenance and Improvement Project	This project will fund approximately 260 miles of maintenance and 6 miles of trail improvement on Initial Creek #92, West Rosebud #19, and Line Creek Basin #7.4 trails within the USFS Custer-Gallatin National Forest, Beartooth Ranger District.	\$ 35,000.00
USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Bozeman Ranger District	USFS Bozeman Ranger District Trails and Volunteer Coordinator Project	This project will fund volunteer coordination and seasonal staff to increase maintenance capacity on 300 miles of summer trail and 100 miles of winter trail within the USFS Custer-Gallatin National Forest, Bozeman Ranger District.	\$ 30,000.00
USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Gardiner Ranger District	Cooke City Winter Recreation Safety and Awareness Project	This project will fund a winter trail steward to increase winter recreation safety, awareness and education for motorized and non-motorized recreationalists through personal contacts, signage, and publications in the Cooke City Area.	\$ 13,790.00

USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Yellowstone Ranger District	USFS Yellowstone Ranger District Trail Maintenance Project	This project will fund the maintenance of 178 miles of trails within the USFS Custer-Gallatin National Forest, Yellowstone Ranger District, including clearing downfall, cleaning and installing drainage structures, public education, sign installation, and trailhead maintenance.	\$ 30,000.00
USFS-Flathead Avalanche Center	Northwest Montana Avalanche Forecasting and Awareness Project	This project will fund daily avalanche forecasts and avalanche awareness for over 150,000 motorized and non-motorized recreationalists in northwest Montana.	\$ 35,000.00
USFS-Flathead National Forest-Swan Lake Ranger District (Tally RD)	USFS Tally Lake Ranger District Front-Country Trails Maintenance and Historic Trail Reconstruction Project	This project will fund general maintenance of front-country trails and reconstruction of a historical section of the Ralph Thayer National Recreation Trail within the USFS Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District.	\$ 35,000.00
USFS-Gallatin National Forest-Avalanche Center	Southwest Montana Avalanche Forecasting and Awareness Project	This project will fund daily avalanche forecasts and avalanche awareness for motorized and non-motorized recreationalists on the USFS Custer-Gallatin National Forest in southwest Montana.	\$ 35,000.00
USFS-Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest-Lincoln Ranger District	USFS Lincoln Ranger District Beaver Creek Mountain Bike Trail Construction Project (Phase 2)	This project will fund the construction of 1.23 miles of mountain-bike trail in the Beaver Creek area within the USFS Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest, Lincoln Ranger District.	\$ 16,476.00
USFS-Kootenai National Forest	Kootenai National Forest Avalanche Forecasting and Awareness Project	This project will fund bi-weekly avalanche forecasts and avalanche awareness for motorized and non-motorized recreationalists in Lincoln and Sanders Counties.	\$ 19,092.00

USFS-Lolo National Forest-Ninemile Ranger District	USFS Ninemile Ranger District Straight Creek Heavy Maintenance and Puncheon Reconstruction Project	This project will fund a seasonal and MCC crew to complete heavy trail maintenance and puncheon reconstruction on Straight Creek and several trails within the USFS Lolo National Forest, Ninemile Ranger District.	\$ 24,460.00
USFS-Lolo National Forest-Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District	USFS Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District Expanding Multi-Use Recreation Opportunities on the Cutoff Road Hwy 135 Corridor Project	This project will fund improvements to the River Trail #223, enhancements to the Ferry Landing Day Use Area and River Trail Trailhead, and construction of the 3.5-mile Falls Flats Trail within the USFS Lolo National Forest, Plains/Thompson Falls Ranger District.	\$ 97,800.00
West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce	West Yellowstone Snowmobile Trail Grooming Project	This project will fund daily winter grooming on 212 miles of snowmobile and multi-use trails on the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and Caribou-Targhee National Forest.	\$ 55,000.00
West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation	Rendezvous Ski Trails Grooming and Maintenance Project	This project will fund winter grooming and trail maintenance on 21.75 miles of cross-country ski trails at the Rendezvous Ski Trails area near West Yellowstone.	\$ 30,000.00
Whitefish Legacy Partners	Smith Lake Recreation Development and Maintenance Project	This project will fund Whitefish Trail construction and lakeshore improvements at Smith Lake and maintenance on 43 miles of trail and 13 trailheads. Smith Lake improvements include 4.5 miles of new trail, improved access to Smith Lake, and a pedestrian bridge.	\$ 46,000.00